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Serial No: 09/365,342) Examiner: Havan, Thu Thao
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ENTITY RELATIONSHIP)
VISUALIZATION) Date: June 3, 2003
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Attn: Examiner Havan, Thu Thao, (703) 746-6044

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Appl. No. 09/365,342
Reply dated May 21, 2003
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Applicant Hetzler, Elizabeth G., et al.
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Title Method and Apparatus For Entity Relationship Visualization

TC/A.U. 2672
Examiner Havan, Thu Thao

Docket No. G-305

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Attn: Michael Razavi

Response to Notice of Abandonment

Sir:

In response to the Notice of Abandonment of May 21, 2003, please find enclosed the following evidence and explanation establishing that the subject patent application has not been abandoned.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.

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Remarks/Arguments

In the Examiner's Notice of Abandonment dated May 21, 2003, the Examiner states that the applicant failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 17 September 2002. The Applicant respectfully disagrees.

On January 13, 2003, the Applicant, by and through the undersigned attorney, filed a notice of appeal using PTO form PTO/SB/31, a petition for extension of time using PTO form PTO/SB/22, an Associate Power of Attorney, and a return postcard in a single mailing addressed to the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington DC, 20231. The correspondence included a certificate of mailing, and copies of each of these documents are included herewith as exhibits.

The postcard was returned, marked as having been received by the PTO January 21, 2003. A copy of the USPTO stamped postcard is also included herewith as an exhibit. On January 23, 2003, the undersigned's deposit account was charged the fees for both the Notice of Appeal and for the extension of time.

Plainly, the Applicant's response to the Office letter mailed on 17 September 2002 was mailed in a timely manner, was received by the USPTO, and, at least to the extent that the undersigned's deposit account was charged, was acted on by the USPTO. Therefore, the applicant did not fail to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 17 September 2002 and did not abandon the application. The applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner rescind the Notice of Abandonment dated May 21, 2003 and either allow the application, or allow the appeals process to run its course.

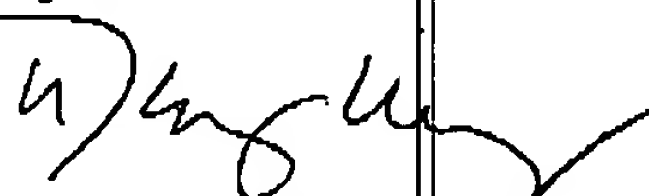
The applicant further notes that on March 13, 2003, the applicant timely filed the required Brief on Appeal together with the required fees. Included with that correspondence was another certificate of mailing and a return postcard. The postcard for the Brief on Appeal

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was also returned with the USPTO stamp affixed thereto, indicating that it also had been received by the USPTO in good order.

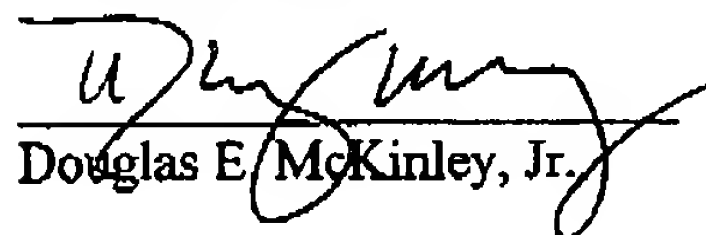
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place the above referenced application in condition for allowance and action toward that end is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further observations or comments, he is invited to contact the undersigned for resolution.

Respectfully submitted,


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ENCLOSED FOR FILING ARE:

1. Notice of Appeal, PTO/SB/31 (1 page, 2 copies)
2. Petition for Extension of Time, PTO/SB/22 (1 page)
3. Power of Attorney and Change of Correspondence Address (1 page)

